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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takuma Saito, et al.

Serial No.: 10/085,585 **Group Art Unit:** 3721

Filed: March 1, 2002 **Examiner:** Michelle Lopez

For: POWER TOOL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a personal interview on July 21, 2004.

During the personal interview:

1. No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted.
2. Independent claims 1, 13, 20, and 28-29 were discussed.
3. The Kawasaki et al. reference and the Hosoya et al. reference were discussed.
4. The clarifying amendments made to claim 1 were discussed.
5. As agreed by Examiner Lopez during the personal interview, none of the

applied references teaches or suggests the features of the present invention including an impact damping mechanism for damping the rotational impact force on a speed reduction mechanism in a direction of rotation of the fixed gear.

6. During the personal interview, Applicants' representative noted the absence of any Examiner having signatory authority. Applicants' representative pointed out that the Applicants had requested the presence of an Examiner having signatory authority. Applicants' representative further requested that, prior to the personal interview, Examiner Lopez locate and bring an Examiner having signatory authority to participate in the personal

interview. However, Examiner Lopez declined the request to bring an Examiner having signatory authority because, according to Examiner Lopez, all such Examiners were unavailable because they were all on vacation.

7. Results of the Interview:

As explained above, Examiner Lopez agreed that none of the applied references teaches or suggests the features of the present invention including an impact damping mechanism for damping the rotational impact force on a speed reduction mechanism in a direction of rotation of the fixed gear.

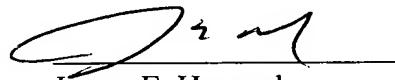
Examiner Lopez indicated that she would submit the present application for allowance.

Should the Examiner find the Application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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